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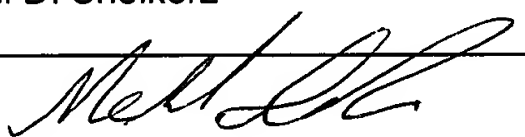
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Box RCE</b> <b>PO Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>		Attorney Docket No.:122.1212C	
First Named Inventor	Yoshifusa TOGAWA et al.		
Application No.	09/225,208	Group Art Unit	3628
Filing Date	January 4, 1999	Examiner	Siegfried E. Chencinski
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	2746
Title of Invention	SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RESOURCES USED AMONG GROUPS		
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.			
1. <b>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)</b>			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>May 27, 2004</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
2. <b>Miscellaneous</b>			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

	BASIC FEE	\$	770.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 27, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed for a third month extension of time. This amount deducts the \$110.00 that was paid for the first month extension of time filed May 27, 2004.			840.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			
Total of above Calculations =		\$	1610.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$	1610.00
<p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed.</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>			
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$1610.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)			
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>			
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;">STAAS &amp; HALSEY LLP</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">21171</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</p>			
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
NAME	Mehdi D. Sheikerz	REGISTRATION NO.	41,307
SIGNATURE		DATE	July 27, 2004



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Siegfried E. Chencinski

For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RESOURCES USED AMONG GROUPS

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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A final Office Action was mailed on January 27, 2004 setting a period for response due on April 27, 2004. An After Final Amendment was filed on May 27, 2004. An Advisory Action was mailed on July 23 2004 in response to the After Final Amendment filed May 27, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated by checking box 2(c) that the proposed after final claim amendments of May 27, 2004 will not be entered, because they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. The Examiner also checked box 5(c) that the request for reconsideration has been considered, but does not place the application in condition for allowance because: of the reasons stated in the last Office Action (paper #28).

Therefore, this Response is in response to the Advisory Action of July 23, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 3-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to July 27, 2004. This Response is timely filed by July 27, 2004.

Entry and reconsideration of the After Final Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 of May 27, 2004, and consideration of the remarks submitted herein in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action is respectfully requested.


If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action of July 23, 2004, the Applicants respectfully note that the After Final Amendment of May 27, 2004 set forth detail arguments traversing the rejections, including providing inventor comments about the claimed invention, and amended the claims concerning indefiniteness taking into consideration the Examiner's suggestions, such that it is believed that the application is in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. Accordingly, entry and further reconsideration of the After Final Amendment of May 27, 2004 is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to any outstanding matters and/or further suggestions to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: July 27, 2004

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